

## **Patent claims**

1. Process for switching telephone conversations to be paid by the recipient, in which the telephone number of the call recipient is transmitted to a switching system by the caller, and the telephone number is checked in terms of its validity in a databank adjustment unit, and then, following prior authorization by the call recipient, a telecommunications connection is automatically established between the caller and the call recipient.
2. Process in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the switching system is dialed by the caller, whereby the telephone number of the call recipient is transmitted to the switching system at the same time as the call to the switching system.
3. Process in accordance with claim 1 or 2, characterized in that a status check of the call recipient is carried out.
4. Process in accordance with one of the claims 1 through 3, characterized in that, following successful status checking, a telecommunications connection is automatically established between the caller and the call recipient for a specifiable period of time.
5. Process in accordance with one of the preceding claims, characterized in that caller-identifying information is transmitted from the caller to the call recipient for the telecommunications connection between the caller and the call recipient.
6. Process in accordance with one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the telecommunications connection between the caller and the call recipient is automatically broken off following the transmission of the caller-identifying information and/or after a specifiable time interval.
7. Process in accordance with one of the preceding claims, characterized in that items of information pertaining to the rate scale are transmitted to the call recipient by the

switching system.

8. Process in accordance with one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the switching system automatically asks the call recipient for authorization of the telephone call.
9. Process in accordance with one of the preceding claims, characterized in that in the absence of authorization by the call recipient, the switching system notifies the caller, and the telephone conversation is terminated.
10. Process in accordance with one of the preceding claims, characterized in that, after the telephone conversation has taken place, the charge that is to be paid in this regard is automatically calculated and billed to the call recipient.